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Whoever in the frame and nature of his affections is unfit for friendship he taketh it of the beast and not from humanity.—Bacon.

TIME TO PROTEST

And now it appears that the Republican national committee is classing Hawaii as a possession.

No other conclusion can be deduced from the decision of the committee late yesterday in Washington to cut Hawaii's delegates in Republican national conventions from six to two and to deny these two the right to vote on party nominees.

Hawaii is put with the Philippines and Porto Rico. Alaska, which has six delegates in conventions, apparently is untouched. And yet Hawaii's civilization and government is older, more stable, more thoroughgoing than is Alaska's; Hawaii has a far greater measure of self-government than has Alaska; Hawaii is, in powers and structural government, nearer statehood than is the northern territory.

Evidently the Republican committee needs more education on the subject. Just why the action has been taken is difficult to see, for if it holds, it will inevitably hurt the Republican party in Hawaii. A large portion of any party's strength comes from its ability to play a part in national elections, and Hawaii's only opportunity to participate in national elections is to have voting delegates in the national nominating conventions.

The Republican national committee does not seem to feel that Hawaii is entitled to six votes, or even one vote. Plainly it is time to protest and to protest in no uncertain manner. Every Republican organization in the territory should oppose this uncalled-for and injurious treatment.

SECRETARY GARRISON AND THE NATIONAL GUARD

Secretary of War Garrison's first annual report has been anxiously awaited because of the expectation that he would make some mention of the arrangement of army posts to distribute troops in mobile units and might recommend that a number of posts be discontinued, but Mr. Garrison does nothing of the sort. A summary of his report which has reached here discloses that a large part of the document is taken up with the militia and the army reserve.

Honolulu's campaign for a greater national guard would evidently delight the heart of the secretary of war, for his report shows him an ardent supporter of the guard. On this point he says:

"The national importance of a reserve system for the organized militia cannot be questioned. Proper organization, as required by law, is absolutely necessary if the organized militia is to be counted upon as a dependable military asset in time of national need, and the organizations existing as such, in the same only, will be required to complete their component elements or lose federal recognition of the character."

He urges the need for more field guns, saying that a more adequate supply is of immediate importance. Referring to the army reserve, he says:

"From the most careful consideration that I have been able to give this subject, I have reached the conclusion that we will be able to get a reserve, if one is obtainable at all, by a provision of law that will permit the department, when it is satisfied as to the proficiency of the soldier, to honorably discharge him, with no other obligation on his part, so far as the balance of his enlistment is concerned, except to return to the colors in case of actual war."

"The brevity of my allusion to this subject in this report is not because of its slight importance, the fact being that I think it of the very greatest importance, but because the details will have to be worked out after the most careful consideration by Congress."

THAT ALIEN LAND CONTROVERSY

The controversy over the California alien-land law, which raged with such smoke and heat a few months ago, got nowhere, according to recent news from Washington, and the only effect has been to keep Uncle Sam's state department and the Japanese foreign office busy with an interchange of notes that probably has no precedent in the history of this nation.

Official Washington believes that the channels of diplomatic intercourse between the United States and Japan have been exhausted without tangible result and some entirely new move must be made by one of the two Powers before a way to a solution of the difficulty can be

reached. Japan has sent something like three formal notes to the state department, the last of which went unanswered for weeks for the obvious reason that there was nothing new to say on the subject.

It has been no secret that throughout the controversy Japan maintained its treaty rights were ignored by the new California law and demanded that the law in some way be set aside, while the United States persisted in the attitude that the California law does not contravene the letter or spirit of the treaty.

The situation is not satisfactory to anyone except possibly California, and from the loud protests that emanate from the direction of the Asiatic Exclusion League, not even all of California is satisfied.

CHURCH ADVERTISING

A year or two ago a Massachusetts church began to use display advertising in a daily paper. The innovation aroused wide comment, some of it in opposition but most merely raising the question as to whether church advertising gets results.

On Sunday, December 7, the Church Foundation of St. Louis asked for replies from ninety-six churches which had been using half-page newspaper advertisements. Every one of the ninety-six reported increased attendance. "We believe it better to use newspaper advertising than to bring on noted evangelists," said the Rev. R. R. Waddell of the Church Foundation.

TO THE VICTOR

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 9.—United States District Attorney Oscar Cain received today a request from Attorney-general James B. McReynolds to send in his resignation. Cain, a Republican, will do as he has been asked.

Of course, "no good man is to be disturbed in office for political reasons."

John Eshleman, head of the California state railroad commission is mentioned as a candidate for the governorship to succeed Hiram Johnson, and if Eshleman gets into the running he will make the campaign interesting for his opponents. He is popular and energetic and the work of the commission has been well received in California. Governor Johnson wants to go to the senate and there is nothing to prevent his trying.

Having succeeded in discovering the North Pole, despite the failure of others, Admiral Peary would no doubt have a great deal of sympathetic backing if he would start out to discover a fresh egg.

A few of us could afford to be unaffected in our welcome to McCarn, secure in the feeling that he can never pinch us for understating our wealth in the income tax returns.

Now if "Jeff" can persuade the Republicans as well as the Democrats to stick to H₂O or "Old Rose" he will be going some in the right direction.

An American banker refers to Mexico as "rather undesirable for heavy industrial investments at the present time." He will not be accused of exaggeration.

"President Wilson has gripped."—Newspaper headline. Yes, and he doesn't show any signs of letting go until Congress passes that currency bill!

Nobody should be allowed to remark that the glass currency bill contemplates a reversion to glass beads as currency.

Gen. Pancho Villa hasn't asked for recognition yet but if he wins another victory or two he is entitled to that privilege.

Honolulu Consolidated's dividend announcement will add considerably to the Christmas cheer.

Unless the price of sugar picks up there's no use for Spoons in this part of the country.

Dwellers in crystal palaces should not throw stones at the glass currency bill.

Evidently the Republican national committee is bent on revising downwards.

The price for grapes has risen—one result of the new administration.

Also, who put the end to dividend?

Letters or TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

WHAT'S THE REASON

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir:—In your issue of yesterday you speak editorially of the disgrace the county of Hawaii has brought upon itself by a failure of the board of supervisors of that county to appropriate money to further continue graft prosecution. Why call it "graft"? Was

it not downright theft (stealing) that was charged against her officials? And yet how many are "serving time" now with months and months of investigation? Better ask what is the matter with the prosecuting officers and the courts. You say, and truthfully too, that the notorious Supervisor Kealoa, a proven criminal, blocked the appropriation for further funds by voting against it. But why is Kealoa a member of the board of supervisors at this time—this late in the day?

Again, let me ask what is the matter with the prosecuting officials and the courts? Is it impossible to oust a person from office after he is proven guilty, or is it simply impossible to convict a person known to be guilty? Which? And what is the remedy? Why, the Hilo jail ought to be full.

HAWAII PROBE TO GO ON, BUT NOT FULL AUDIT

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rather more dubious as to their future work. The two local men, Commissioner William Williamson and E. A. C. Long, expressed themselves this morning as in some doubt as to whether their work and Field's accounting features can be wound up in anything like satisfactory shape. In fact, if the commissioners hold a final session shortly after the first of the year, as they had hoped to do, the expenses of this will make it necessary somewhat curtail Field's work.

The commissioners are frankly disappointed that the Hawaii supervisors did not see fit to make the appropriation asked for.

"Our funds are now practically exhausted," said Commissioner Williamson this morning, "and it will be impossible for us to employ our special prosecutor any longer."

"The commission will have left, at the end of December, approximately \$1250 out of our \$20,000 fund. This will allow us to keep the auditor on the job until the end of January. At that time he will have to stop."

"The most important work will have been done, but there are still some matters very desirable to be completed. As we went into the county's affairs we found a great many things that the commission wanted to get explained in order to round off its work and these were deferred while the vital investigations went ahead. They should all be cleaned up and we had hoped so to do."

"Under the circumstances as they appear now, we shall either have to do away with our final session in Hilo or else stop the auditor before the end of January. There is still considerable unfinished investigation work to do in North and South Kohala and in South Hilo districts, which will now have to be let go. We shall not have enough money to print our report, though it will be typewritten. How the Probe Stands."

"As the investigation now stands—practically at the end of our fund—all the investigation into the road warrants has been virtually completed and the audit of the general fund is complete to the end of 1910. On December 1 Mr. Field estimated that it would take three months to bring the audit up to the end of March, 1913. That was the date when the commission was created, and it was then instructed to audit Hawaii county affairs up to that time, so we feel that it is the period up to March, 1913, that we are obligated to complete. Of course it would be much more desirable to bring the audit right up to the present date, and this could be done with slightly more funds. Of the \$3000 asked, \$1000 was to finish the work up to March of last year, and the other \$2000 to bring the audit right up to the present time and turn things over to the supervisors absolutely cleaned up and with a definite balance."

Commissioner Williamson has some hope that the Hawaii supervisors may change their minds. When the vote was taken, Supervisors Lyman, Yates and Pritchard voted to finance the investigation to the end, but Supervisors Kealoa, Kanehahua, Kuahane and Ewaliko voted against it. One vote would change the result.

Commissioner Long is in favor of holding a final session of the commission whether or not more money is forthcoming. "I would be willing to forego the salary and go to Hilo in order to wind things up," he said this morning.

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SAN FRANCISCO ACQUIRES SECOND STREET CAR LINE

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street car magnates, and are now barred from a possible source of municipal profit.

A city-owned water system is now practically an assured fact, through the recent victory in Washington, which only awaits the president's expected signature to become complete. The acquisition of the Hetch Hetchy watershed means an unlimited future water supply for the bay cities and the irrigators of the northern interior valleys.

The opposition of the Spring Valley Water Company was only overcome after a tremendous fight, the shrewdness and persistency of the opposition seeming almost impossible to overcome at times.

The way is now cleared for the acquisition of the Spring Valley distributing system, plant and watersheds. Under the power vested in it, the railroad commission will undoubtedly force a fair agreement, holding that it would be an economic waste for the city to parallel the present Spring Valley mains, therefore protecting the Spring Valley from loss by insuring a fair payment for its mains, and putting the city system in a position against loss by enabling it to buy a plant already installed.

These permanent benefits are of almost incalculable worth to San Francisco and adjacent cities, and indicate its growing tendency of acquiring the perquisites of the largest public utility corporations for the immediate good of all the people.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOHNNY MARTIN: The supper prepared by the Boy Scouts at their headquarters last night was one of the finest I have ever sat down to.

—R. W. BRECKONS: Am having a good time just "loafing" now. Don't know how soon I'll return to Hilo to renew my work in the graft affair, but probably will go in a few days.

—M. C. PACHECO: I guess Charles Barron won't feel like making any more "charges" against me for a time. His efforts were inspired merely from a desire to discredit me.

—S. SHEBA: While on board ship during my proposed excursion to Japan, I intend coaching the members of the party in Japanese conversation so that they may have a brief knowledge of the language when they go ashore.

—H. C. HAPAI: I'd like to decorate the walls of the territorial treasurer's office with the photographs of the former incumbents, and will be glad to do so if the former treasurers will send me their pictures, framed and ready for hanging.

—A. P. TAYLOR (San Francisco): The various hotels here are making inquiries concerning the date when Governor L. E. Pinkham will arrive in San Francisco. I suppose they will all try to get him. Charles Stewart, however, has him cinched.

Aleck Hurley, a noted London comedian, and recently divorced by Marie Lloyd, the actress, has just died in London.

A tennis match is to be played in England between Frederick E. Smith, M. P., and the duke of Marlborough, each player backing himself with \$2500.

FOR RENT

Kalaka Avenue	4 bedrooms	\$60.00
Pikoi Street	3 bedrooms	\$45.00
Aloha Lane	2 bedrooms	20.00
Tantalus	3 bedrooms	45.00

FOR SALE

College Hills	House and lot	7350.00
Wilder Ave. & Kewalo St.	House and lot	7500.00
Anapuni Street	House and lot	4500.00
Pikoi Street	House and lot, including furniture	6500.00
Punahou Street	House and lot	8000.00
Young Street	House and lot	3500.00
Young Street	House and lot	2500.00
Parker Street, College Hills	Lot	2500.00

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Personal, Mention

MR. and MRS. J. H. HIND, JR., of Hind, Rolph & Company have been at the Bellevue, San Francisco.

MR. and MRS. E. M. SCOVILLE, of Waipahu, recently stopped at the Bellevue hotel, San Francisco.

F. W. KLEBAHN returned from Byron Hot Springs to the Bellevue hotel, San Francisco, and sailed on the Mongolia today for Honolulu.

W. H. LORENZ, cashier of the First National Bank of Lodi, Cal., and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hutchins are passengers expected on the Ventura next Monday.

Y. KATSUMATA, principal of the Japanese Central Institute, Nuuanu street, who has been ill for the past several weeks, will leave for Tokyo, Japan, on the Tenyo Maru December 22 accompanied by his family.

TING CHI CHU, to occupy the position of secretary-general for China at the Panama-Pacific exposition, is a through passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Persia that passed through Honolulu yesterday. He is a Harvard graduate and is an accomplished linguist.

JOHN LYCURGUS, who a number of years ago was identified with hotels conducted in Honolulu and Hilo, has returned from a prolonged visit to Greece. He is contemplating locating at Hilo.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS.

One o'clock is the hour for the Christmas entertainment given by the boys of St. Louis College tomorrow. Previous publication through an error gave the hour at 2:30.

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Acre lots at Fruitvale, Palolo Valley, \$600 per acre.

Kaimuki, Ocean View and Palolo Hill lots, \$400 and up.

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